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In re the Application of

Cioffi et al. (TI-27725.3)

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For: Method and Apparatus for Coordinating Multi-Point to Point Communications in a Multi-Tone Data Transmission System

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments:

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action mailed on July 14, 2004. It is submitted that this paper is fully responsive to that Office Action. Reconsideration of this application, based on the following amendment and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendment to the claims begins on page 2.

Applicants' remarks begin on page 4.